

Minutes of the Judiciary and Law Enforcement Committee – April 29, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chair Mitchell who led the committee with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Chair William Mitchell, County Board Supervisors Kathleen Cummings, Carl Seitz, David Swan; **Absent:** Keith Harenda, Mareth Kipp, Jean Tortomasi

Staff Present: County Board Chief of Staff Lee Esler, Legis. Associate Sandra Meisenheimer

Also Present: Sheriff Inspector Bob Johannik, Jail Administrator Mike Giese, Detective Kurt Ziebell, Detective Maggie Herrmann, Lieutenant Bob Doffek, Senior Financial Analyst Mike Baniel

Approve Minutes of April 15, 2005

Motion: Swan moved, second by Cummings, to approve the minutes of 3/11/05. **Motion carried 4 – 0.**

Executive Committee Report by Bill Mitchell of April 18, 2005 Meeting

Mitchell said he was not at the meeting but there were two legislators (Senator Mary Lazich; Representative Scott Jensen) scheduled to discuss some of the state budget impacts. They also discussed the UW-Waukesha issue.

Report on Internet Crimes in Waukesha County

Johannik, Ziebell, Herrmann and Doffek were present. Ziebell said they handle all kinds of crimes and have one of the finest labs in the country. Herrmann handles the on-line involvement whereas Ziebell takes over after an arrest. At that time the computers are seized and he become involved. Herrmann related what she does on-line with the chat rooms and impersonating 13-14 year old girls. She said there are hundreds of different types of chat rooms. She said it is important that parents be aware of what is going on with their kids.

Seitz asked when does it become a crime? Herrmann said using a computer to facilitate a sex crime is the actual statute. The next step and what is needed is for the person to show up at a planned meeting place. Swan asked what is a typical day for you? Herrmann said it depends on her caseload but she goes on-line 3-4 days per week for about 1 ½ to 2 hours per day. Mitchell asked is there a lot going on in Waukesha County? Ziebell said yes but also in Illinois and even the east coast. To Swan's question, Herrmann explained what actually happens when someone meets her and the person gets caught.

Swan asked is there anything that could be done at middle schools and high schools starting possibly at the age of 8? Ziebell said he spent a week in Big Bend at one of the schools giving presentations and talking to the younger kids. Parents were also invited. Swan asked do the schools know this is available? Ziebell said it isn't advertised. Swan said I think you should make schools aware. Mitchell asked do you feel the laws are keeping up with the offenses as to internet crimes? Johannik said it's really the need for more positions. They would love to have four more full-time people. Now their caseloads have to be prioritized. It does come to a saturation point though even if you have the resources.

Esler asked do you keep statistics on how many Waukesha residents are arrested or investigated by Waukesha law enforcement and other jurisdictions, and conversely how many of the people you investigate or arrest are from other jurisdictions? In other words, are we disproportionately

involved in this as opposed to Dane County or Milwaukee County or Illinois or India or Calcutta or wherever? How is it controlled? You could actually be the investigator of the world if you had enough resources. Where do you draw the line and has that been an issue? Johannik said from the law enforcement perspective, if you have a perpetrator to the point that you can make an arrest and he's not from Waukesha County, they will not stop the investigation and let the abuse of a predator continue. It's their duty to follow through if they feel it is a viable complaint. Esler asked do you keep statistics on this? Johannik said they do post their reports.

To Swan's concern about working with surrounding municipalities, Ziebell said there are so many cases out there where they rely on each other and help each other out. The other agencies in the county know the Sheriff's Department is there, and they tap them whenever needed. Mitchell applauded their efforts and the good job that they're doing.

Reports by Committee Member Liaisons

Kathleen Cummings reported on the Local Emergency Planning Committee Meeting of 3/15/05. She said it's all about getting less funds.

Future Agenda Items by Committee Members

Mitchell said at the May and/or June meetings, there will be status updates of departmental strategic plans and an update on courthouse security.

Future Meeting Dates

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 13.

Seitz left the meeting at 9:25 a.m. The committee recessed at 9:25 a.m. and reconvened at the jail for a tour. Chairman Dwyer joined the tour to make a quorum of the committee.

Tour of the Justice Facility Addition

Giese took the committee on a tour of the new addition.

Motion to adjourn: Cummings moved, second by Swan, to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 a.m. Motion carried 4 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Mareth K. Kipp
Secretary

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